

News Release

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COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

Change in Frequency: Update will not be sent next week on Dec. 30.

County-level data on COVID-19 cases, deaths, and rates are not available at this time due to a state-level <u>network security issue</u>.

Masks are recommended in all public indoor places.

Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:

	# ICU	# Acute Care
Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19	11	50

Frederick County COVID-19 Vaccinations:

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
Fully Vaccinated	175,108	67.5%
1 st Doses Given	173,083	66.7%
2 nd Doses Given	157,431	60.7%
Single Doses Given	17,677	6.8%

Frederick County residents fully vaccinated by age group:

| % of Population |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 5-11 Years | 12-17 Years | 12+ Years | 18+ Years | 65+ Years |
| 22.8% | 71.0% | 81.9% | 83.0% | 94.3% |

Additional statistics on Frederick County dashboard: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats and Frederick Health dashboard: http://frederickhealth.org/COVID19

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Vaccination Clinics for Children 5-11 Years Old

More appointments for children 5-11 have been added to our website for upcoming clinics at Frederick County Public Schools. **Appointments** are required, and only available for children 5-11 years old. Children must be



accompanied by a parent or guardian. Go to <u>frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine</u> for times, locations, and links to schedule.

Update on Testing

Demand for COVID-19 testing is very high right now. Many people are sick, others are planning travel, lines are long, and many travel and holiday plans have been disrupted. Please be kind as stress levels are high for everyone.

All of the at-home test kits that the health department has received and shared with the Frederick County Public Libraries have been distributed. We do not have a date for when more will be available, but information will be posted on <u>our website</u>, <u>Facebook page</u>, and <u>sent out</u> when we have details to share.

If you've used an at-home COVID-19 test kit and tested positive, please submit your results using the instructions provided in the kit.

- Isolate at home and stay away from others 10 days from when your symptoms began.
- Tell your close contacts that they have been exposed. A close contact is anyone you were within 6 feet for a combined total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period. BinaxNOW kit instructions: https://buff.ly/3JgA2mT

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Frederick County Health Department

vaccination clinics

December 24, 25, 31,

will be closed on

and January 1.

testing and



Tips for Safer Holidays

It's the holiday season, so please enjoy your traditions and festivities safely!

- The best way to keep your family and friends safe is to get vaccinated.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wear a mask in public indoor settings.
- Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated.
- Test to prevent spread to others.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend gatherings.

For more tips on how to celebrate safely, go to CDC's webpage.



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Frederick Vaccination Update

All Marylanders 5 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 5-17 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Frederick County Health Department has clinics in a variety of locations throughout the county. This list can be found at http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine. New links are added on Mondays.

- Call 855-634-6829 Monday Friday, 8am-8pm to:
 - Schedule an appointment
 - Schedule an in-home vaccination
 - Arrange for a free Lyft ride to a vaccination clinic. Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit
 <u>www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited</u>
 for more information. The first
 \$25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.

Date	Time	Location	Inside/ Outdoor
Thursday, Dec. 23	3-7pm	800 Oak Street Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).	Indoor
Thursday, Dec. 23	1:30-2:30pm	Religious Coalition 27 Degrange St. Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Thursday, Dec. 23	5-7pm	Brunswick Park Building 665 E. Potomac St, Brunswick, MD 21716	Indoor
	No clinics Dec. 24 or 25		
Tuesday, Dec. 28	4-6pm	Emmitsburg Senior Center 300A S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727	Indoor
Wednesday, Dec. 29	3-7pm	800 Oak Street Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).	Indoor
Wednesday, Dec. 29	4-6pm	Lucas Village 111 Pennsylvania Ave., Frederick, MD 21701	Indoor
Thursday, Dec. 30	3-7pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).	Indoor

• For other dates/times, check out Frederick Health Hospital and other locations.

Childcare option: KinderCare, Learning Care Group, and YMCA are all offering free child care to help parents and caregivers get vaccinated. For more information, visit the provider's website.

For More Information:

For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- For testing: https://covidtest.maryland.gov/
- For vaccination: http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): <u>coronavirus.maryland.gov</u>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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